

MILWAUKEE COUNTY *Report*



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Hello to the long-time residents and welcome to all our new neighbors in the 7th District:

For those of you who don't know me, I was born and raised in Milwaukee County. I graduated from Washington High School and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. And for the past 17-years, my wife, Ellease and I, and our three children have lived in the 7th district.

For the past eight years, I have been honored to be your Milwaukee County Supervisor. During that time, my mission has been to work for the people. I believe that everyone should be given a chance to succeed, whether that person is a single parent or a small business. We can raise the standard through economic empowerment and community involvement.

As a community, our mission must be to make certain that our neighborhoods are safe for our families. Friends, we are fortunate to be blessed with a beautiful, historically-rich community made up of many different cultures. Working together, we can help ensure that our neighborhoods remain safe. Make it a point to talk to your neighbors. Get to know them so that you can watch out for each other. A strong community is the product of strong neighborhoods and a strong sense of commitment.

For many years I've been involved in events such as the Community Job Fair, the Heart of Milwaukee Golf Classic, the Community Toy Drive, and my holiday basket giveaway. Events such as these help connect people to jobs, assist business and non-profit organizations and put smiles on the faces of children and adults during the holidays.

Working together starts with my own personal commitment to you. Public accountability has been absent in many phases of government, but I promise that won't happen with me. I pledge to promote economic development, push for reliable transportation, and support health and human needs programs.

Communication is a key element of working together. Let me know what's important to you, and I promise your voice will be heard in Milwaukee County government.

Sincerely,

Michael Mayo, Sr.

Supervisor Mayo Stresses Accountability

Citing accountability to Milwaukee County taxpayers as one of his top concerns, Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr. helped to pass one of the most controversial and difficult budgets in Milwaukee County history. The County Board met in a marathon session which began at 8:30 a.m. on Monday and ended after 1:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr. and 24 county supervisors burned the midnight oil, barely reaching agreement, voting 13-12. After all was said and done, only four cents separates the budget of County Executive Scott Walker (\$5.15 per \$1,000 of assessed value) and the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (\$5.19 per \$1,000 of assessed value). The budget proposed by the county board provided funds for some of the most critical programs which, in many instances, are a lifeline to low-income citizens.

Among things supervisors did in the 2003 county budget:

- Ended funding for a needle-exchange program aimed at preventing the spread of HIV among intravenous drug users. The board kept in \$150,000 for general AIDS prevention.
- Softened cuts in the Parks Department by adding \$750,000 in borrowed funds to parks maintenance.
- Scrapped Walker's plan to limit hours and days of operation at all county-run outdoor pools, and instead voted to close pools at Grobschmidt Park in South Milwaukee and the Hales Corners pool.
- Restored \$500,000 of the \$1.3 million reduction Walker made for outpatient alcohol and drug treatment for the uninsured.
- Agreed to various user-fee and service-charge increases or changes. Fees paid to jurors would drop \$2 to help retain bus service from a down town parking lot to the Courthouse. Friday golfers, except seniors who belong to golf leagues, would pay weekend rates. Applicants for free county-paid health insurance would pay \$35, a controversial new charge estimated to reap nearly \$1 million.
- Balked at using \$3 million in sales tax receipts for general operations, which is currently prohibited by county ordinance.
- Restored some of Walker's proposed cuts affecting probation supervision for juvenile offenders.
- Put \$350,000 into a continuing effort to shorten waiting lists for community-based care of people with developmental disabilities. The money would attract \$525,000 in federal funds.
- Remade Courthouse security screening to focus on the building's fourth through seventh floors, where many courts operate.
- Turned down Walker's plan to privatize another chunk of the county's services for the mentally ill. Price tag: \$337,203, to keep county workers involved in case management.
- Declined to backfill the contingency fund with \$3 million in sales tax revenue, as recommended by the board's Finance Committee, to cover large possible shortfalls in Walker's funding of health insurance, courts and sheriff's operations.



Speak Out

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Detach this card & mail to Supervisor Mayo

- ☐ I would like to speak with you personally. ☐ Please send a Milwaukee County Street Map
☐ My block club, church or other neighborhood group would like you to speak/attend a meeting.

Name/Organization _____

Address/City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Office Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Comments _____

COMMUNITY PROGRAM: Lights On Afterschool!

On Thursday, October 10th Supervisor Michael Mayo, staff of the Mary Ryan Boys and Girls Club, Mary Dobbs and Ralph Riley helped to facilitate a group discussion aimed at youth-based solutions to some of our community's biggest problems.

The program was entitled, "Lights On Afterschool" and was held at the Mary Ryan Boys and Girls Club. The forum, consisting of members of MRB, asked youth to discuss issues of safety in the community and the importance of having a safe place to go after school. Staff created specific questions and encouraged youth to come up with strategies to help decrease violence in our neighborhoods.

Members were divided into three groups PALS (6-8 year-olds), CADETS (9-12 year-olds) and TEENS (13-18 year-olds). Listed below is a summary of what the TEENS had to say:



What factors influence violence in our community?	Do you feel safe in your home, community, school and club?	Why is it important to have after-school activities for
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco • Rap Music • Peers • Not wanting to be "left out" • Your environment • The way you're raised • Relationships with friends • Choices we make • Toy guns 	<p>Basically kids feels safe in their homes, but not coming and going on the streets where things could happen such as robbery or rape.</p> <p>Kids don't feel safe at school without metal detectors to protect them from kids who bring weapons to school. Kids said that teachers have a hard time controlling classrooms, so they don't teach. They only assign homework which students don't understand.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeps you doing positive things • Keep you out of trouble • Nothing else to do • Prevents kids from doing stupid things on the street. • Helps with home life • Gives opportunities (computers, field trips, etc.)
What can youth do to stop the violence in our community?	What can adults do to stop the violence in our community?	What types of activities would you like in the after school?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adhere to the curfew • Stop hanging around on the streets • Get involved in after-school activities • Obey the rules • Get a driver's license • Become a part of Neighborhood Watch • Know your neighbors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be better parents • Stop trying to be "cool" and be parents • Stick to the rules and have consequences • Participate in parent/teacher conferences • Don't be too busy for your kids • Stay away from detrimental forces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martial Arts • Volleyball • More female-centered activities • Baseball • Pre-College Planning Program • How to become an entrepreneur • Bucks/Bulls tickets • More educational field trips • More out-of-town field trips

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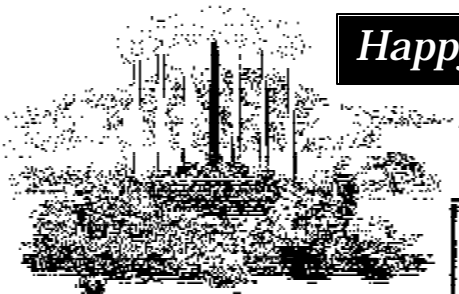
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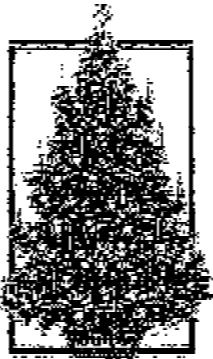
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Happy Holidays from Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr.

Happy Kwanzaa



Feliz Navidad



Merry Christmas

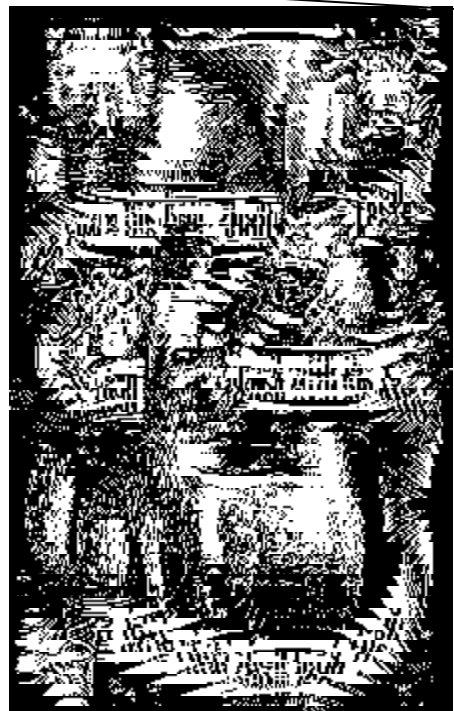
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Happy Hanukkah

To All 7th District Residents:

However you celebrate the season, I wish you much health & happiness for the coming year.



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS: Waukesha Engine

In the aftermath of the horrific events of 9/11, all of us were on pins and needles waiting to hear if anyone or anything had survived the catastrophic events at the World Trade Center. A Waukesha-based company is proud to say that one of their flame-scarred engines was pulled, mostly intact, from the wreckage at Ground Zero and will be rebuilt and put back "on duty."

Waukesha Engine is a manufacturer of spark ignited gaseous fueled engines and packed engine-driven generator sets widely used in field gas compression, power generation, and other mechanical drive applications. Six of the company's generators, which supply power to buildings when their main source of power fails, were located in the World Trade Center.

Based on information the company received, it is believed that the six World Trade engines did their job, even if it was just for a brief period, to provide emergency power for those who were trapped. But the engines were no match for the tons of debris which eventually came crashing down.

During a ceremony at Milwaukee's War Memorial Center on September 10, 2002, William Evans O'Connor, President of Waukesha-Engine, unveiled one of the surviving engines of the World Trade Center disaster. Mr. Evans O'Connor spoke proudly of the Phoenix-like engine which withstood flames and

wreckage to rise from the ashes. Eventually the engine will be rebuilt and put into service again.

Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr., a member of the board of directors for the War Memorial Center, was honored to be a part of the memorial ceremony which focused on the World Trade Center disaster and other days of infamy in the history of our country.



Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr. (left) with President of Waukesha Engines Dresser, Inc., William Evans O'Connor, stand in front of one of the World Trade Center engines recovered from Ground Zero.

COMMUNITY PROGRAM: PAL Program Focuses on 'At Risk' Youth

Back in 1988, several local leaders recognized a need to address juvenile crime and delinquent behavior in our community. They developed a program which called for off-duty volunteer police officers to work with "at-risk" youth to counsel, chaperone, and tutor them in educational, recreational and social activities. The result was Police Athletic League (PAL). PAL's major objectives include reducing juvenile crime by providing programs fostering positive personal interaction between police, youth, their families and neighbors, assisting youth in becoming high academic achievers, enhancing individual self-esteem, motivation and skills, and supporting year-round neighborhood facility-based recreational and educational programs.

Over the years, more than 150 police officers have served as positive role models for approximately 3,000 youth annually in multi-faceted, year-round educational after school programs.

PAL participants between 5-18 years of age come from all areas of the city and metropolitan area. They are afforded opportunities to participate in a number of programs including basketball, baseball, flag football, martial arts, track and field, self-esteem workshops, baking classes and proficiency enhancement classes. PAL also provides opportunities to fish nearby lakes, visit museums and airports and attend the circus. Several new programs are being implemented which include cheer leading, golf, karate, and a horse program.

A newly constructed Youth and Family Activities Center located at 24th and Burleigh will provide a sense of stability to the program and to the neighborhood.

All of us can rest easier knowing that PAL officers are working with our kids making a difference in their lives.

Mayo Appointed to Finance & Audit Committee

Supervisor Mayo was appointed to the County Board's Finance and Audit Committee in September, which established him as one of the key participants in the Board's 2003 Budget deliberations. This committee has jurisdiction over all county fiscal matters and it spends every October reviewing and amending the County Executive's Recommended Budget. Finance and Audit Committee budget hearings typically are all-day sessions that occur four or five days per week in October, as the committee reviews each departmental budget individually. After the budget is approved, the committee spends much of its time monitoring it and considering midyear appropriations transfers. It also acts on requests from county departments that involve the creation of new positions, and it considers all reports prepared by the Department of Audit.



Supervisor Mayo chairs the Economic & Community Development Committee which oversees the administration of federal, state and local housing programs as well as determining the best disposition of county properties. He is also a member of the Transportation, Public Works and Transit Committee which is responsible for the airport, professional services, highway maintenance and construction, fleet maintenance and transit/paratransit services.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SHERMAN PERK COFFEE SHOP

Take one vacant gas station, a pair of entrepreneurs with a vision, and the determined effort of one hard-working county supervisor and what do you have? Sherman Perk Coffee Shop.

The condemned property located at 4924 West Roosevelt Drive had leaking underground gas tanks and nine years of unpaid property taxes. But that didn't stop Bob and Pat Olin--longtime residents of the Sherman Park area--from their dream. With the assistance of Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr., the Olin's were able to secure a county grant toward the cleanup and renovation of the property.

"Without Supervisor Mayo's assistance, this business would never have begun," said the Bob Olin.

The Sherman Perk Coffee Shop opened in August 2001, and since its renovation, the building's property tax value has increased over 400% and has created 11 new jobs for people the community.

THINGS ARE MOVING...UP!

Construction on the Burleigh Street Community Enterprise Center, which is owned and developed by the Burleigh Street Community Development Corporation, and which began several weeks ago with just a hole in the ground, is now going up and up!

At this pace, the Enterprise Center should be completed around April 2003. This \$1.6 million, 12,000 square foot, two-story neighborhood revitalization development project will be the home for much-needed retail stores on the first floor with a full-service community hall and office spaces on the second floor.

Grants from Milwaukee County, state and local government agencies and private foundations comprise the bulk of the fund-raising. This project is located on the corner of 54th and Burleigh where Petroff's Bowling Alley/ Michele's Cafe once stood.

Further information can be obtained from the development project manager, James Hiller 414-447-9940 (o), 414-447-6493 (f), or e-mail: hillerlaw@aol.com.



Supervisor Mayo with Bob and Pat Olin at the grand opening festivities at the Sherman Perk Coffee Shop.



Supervisor Mayo visits the Burleigh Street Community Enterprise Center site which is scheduled for completion in April 2003.